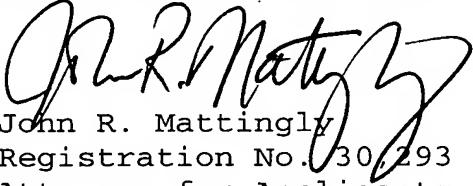


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REMARKS

Examination is respectfully requested.

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MARKED UP VERSION OF REWRITTEN CLAIMS

4. (Amended) A gas turbine combustor according to claim 1 [or 2], characterized in that each of the opening portions is provided between the adjacent two premixing nozzles at the position in circumferential direction.

5. (Amended) A gas turbine combustor according to claim 1 [or 2], characterized in that each of the opening portions is configured in such a manner that the opening width in circumferential direction varies along the axial direction thereof.